



Cosi, Inc. (Nasdaq: COSI)

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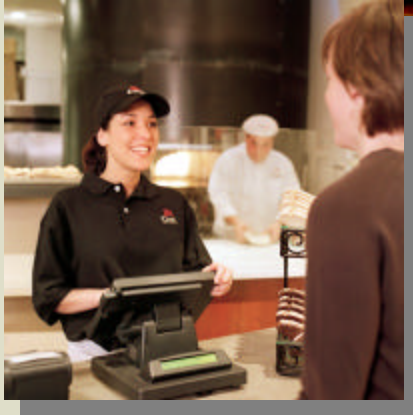
- the cost of our principal food products;
- labor shortages or increased labor costs;
- changes in consumer preferences and demographic trends;
- increasing competition in the fast casual dining segment of the restaurant industry;
- expansion into new markets;
- our ability to effectively manage our business with a reduced general and administrative staff;
- our ability to generate increased revenue from our existing restaurants;
- the rate of our internal growth;
- our ability to incorporate a franchising and area development model into our strategy;
- the availability and cost of additional financing both to fund our existing operations and to grow and open new restaurants Our ability to generate positive cash flow from operations
- fluctuations in our quarterly results;
- increased government regulation;
- supply and delivery shortages or interruptions;
- market saturation due to new restaurant openings;
- inadequate protection of our intellectual property;
- adverse weather conditions which impact customer traffic at our restaurants; and
- adverse economic conditions.

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Cosi – We represent “Simply Good Taste” in a restaurant concept

Strong concept and brand capitalizing on the Premium Convenience trend



- Cosi is a **premium convenience** restaurant
- Our **distinctive menu offerings** – sandwiches, salads, pizzas, bagels – feature Cosi Bread, an authentic hearth-baked crackly crust flatbread
- Cosi provides guests a **relaxing, urbane atmosphere** that reflects taste and style in a modern, contemporary environment
- Currently operate 95 units in 17 states and Washington, D.C.; brought in revenues of \$110.6 million in 2004
- Average check per transaction: **\$8.46** = an “**affordable luxury**”

Ready for Growth

An Overview of Cosi Today

- Strong brand
 - 15 consecutive quarters of comparable sales growth
 - 6.4% comparable sales growth in Q2'05 and maintaining a strong two year comparable sales growth pattern
 - 7.8% comparable sales growth YTD Q2'05
- Strong concept
 - LTM Q2'05 AUV of \$1.3 million¹
 - 18.6% unit level cash flow margin¹
 - 28.5% cash-on-cash return¹
- New generation restaurant design
 - AUV of approximately \$1.6 million²
 - 26.0% restaurant cash flow margin²
 - 62.0% cash-on-cash return²

¹ Comparable units only

² Forecasted 12 months results based on a combination of new generation company-owned and franchise units in urban and suburban locations



Experienced Management Team

Since 2003, Cosi has assembled a new, highly capable management team with extensive restaurant company experience

Senior Management

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Previous Experience

- Headed the Restructuring Group at Gleacher & Co.
- CEO of Fine Host Corporation
- 20+ years of restaurant experience
- Long John Silver's, Subway, PepsiCo and Burger King
- 15+ years of executive financial experience
- Galyan's Trading Company, Homelife Furniture, Evans

Corporate Team Improvements

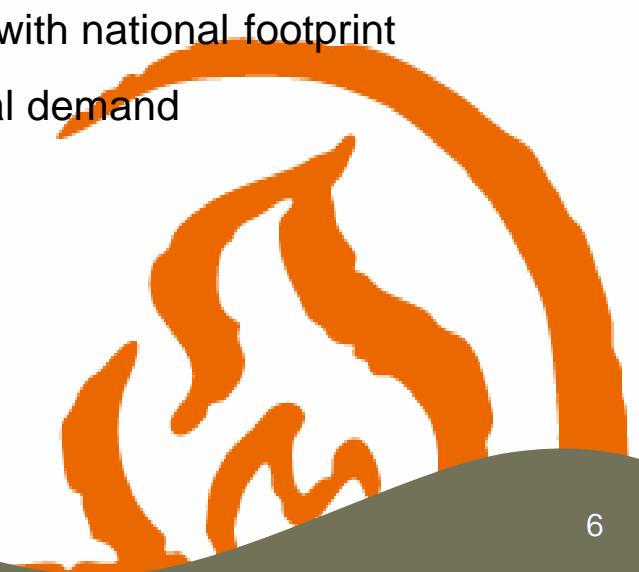
- New Legal Staff
- New Financial Staff
- New Marketing Staff
- New IT Staff

Operational Team Improvements

- Gilbert Melott, EVP – Operations & People
- Paul Seidman, VP – Food & Beverage
- Larry Bader, VP – Franchise Sales
- 4 New District Managers, 3 New Regional Vice Presidents

Our Premium Convenience Market Opportunity

- Consumers are dining out more frequently
 - Busier lifestyles – limited time to prepare food
 - Less expensive to eat out vs. dine at home
- Customers seek both convenience and quality
 - Convenience drives 75% of restaurant meal decisions
 - Consumers are willing to “trade up” – pay more for quality, taste and setting
- Sandwich and salad capture 60% of market
 - Panera is only premium sandwich and salad concept with national footprint
 - Clear opportunity for another player to service national demand

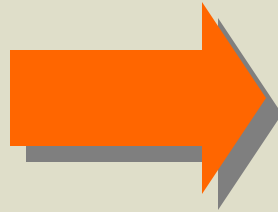


Our Guests

Cosi Customer - Large, Attractive Demographic

Customer Characteristics

- Desire for fast and convenient service
- Higher disposable income
- More sophisticated food preferences



Premium Convenience

- Innovative, made-to-order food
- Sophisticated flavors
- Convenient limited or self-service format
- Upscale decor
- Average check of \$6 - \$9

Adults 18 – 34 without children
Upscale suburbanites of all ages
Metro elites of all ages

40 Million Households

Top 25 markets > 1,400 Cosi units
Top 75 markets > 1,900 Cosi units

What We Offer Our Guests

Menu

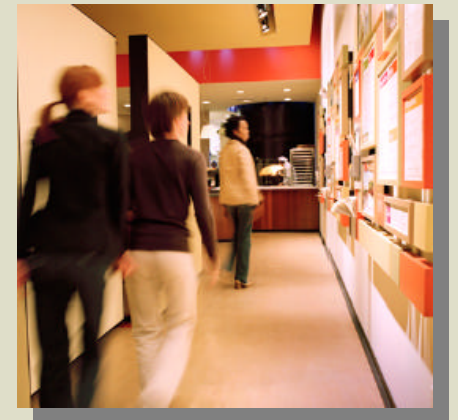
- Differentiated menu and product offerings
 - Signature Cosi bread baked in open hearth in front of customers
 - Fresh, high quality ingredients designed to appeal to sophisticated tastes
 - Made-to-order
- New items and LTOs keep offerings fresh



What We Offer Our Guests

Restaurant Atmosphere: New Generation Restaurant

- Relaxing, sophisticated atmosphere
 - Welcoming and comfortable
 - Sofas, chairs
 - Music and lighting adjusted throughout the day



What We Offer Our Guests

Service and Dining Experience

- Our new generation restaurant design enhances experience
 - Won 2005 “Superior Achievement in Design and Imaging” (SADI) Award from *Retail Traffic*
 - Combines efficient counter service format with relaxing contemporary environment
 - Order at point-of-sale
 - Runners deliver food to tables or to take-out waiting area, allowing guests to relax sooner
 - Cost effective to open (approximately \$660,000) and operate
 - Recent utilization studies show that during peak lunch period, average time from entering restaurant to receiving food is 4.5 minutes.
 - Have achieved identical results in our Cosi Downtown model.
 - Have demonstrated throughput capacity of 320 transactions per hour during the peak lunch daypart.



Compelling Performance and Restaurant Economics

Restaurant Performance

	<u>Heritage Cosi Downtown</u> ^{1,2}	<u>Heritage Cosi</u> ^{1,2}	<u>New Generation Cosi</u> ³
AUV	\$1,458,655	\$1,625,074	\$1,600,000
Restaurant Cash Flow \$	\$296,047	\$344,261	\$416,000
Restaurant Cash Flow %	20.3%	21.2%	26.0%
ROIC	36.6%	37.2%	62.0%

As of the end of Q2 2005, Cosi's portfolio mix included 52 full Cosi units, 30 Cosi downtown units, 9 Federated units and 1 Xando coffee bar.

¹ 12 months ended July 4, 2005 for all categories

² Aggregate of the top 75% AUV units

³ Forecasted 12 month results based on a combination of new generation Company-owned and franchise units in urban and suburban locations.



Strategy and Infrastructure for Growth

Growth Infrastructure

- Three part strategy based on new generation restaurant design
 - Company-owned
 - Franchise
 - Strategic alliance
- New management team that combines casual dining culinary talents with QSR cost control focus; all executive positions staffed
- Fully staffed support center in Deerfield, IL
 - Restaurant development
 - Strategic alliances
 - Marketing
 - Information technology
 - Franchise support
 - Human resources management
 - Food and beverage purchasing



Strategy and Infrastructure for Growth

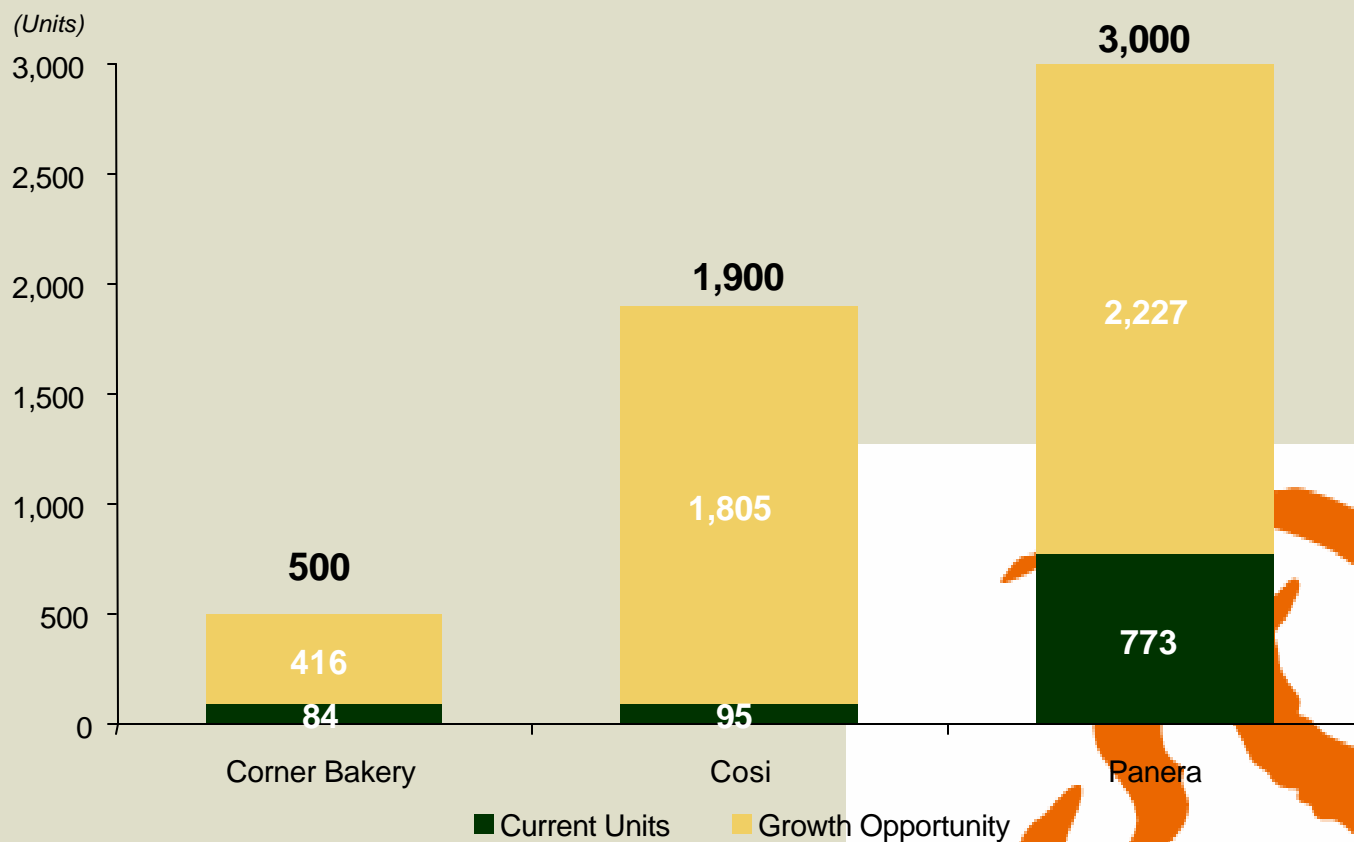
Growth Methodology

- Geographic Priorities
 - Current NE, Mid-Atlantic and Chicago markets
 - Pacific Northwest
- Asset Flexibility
 - Cusi Downtown and Cusi
 - Cusi Pronto
 - Leased, not owned
 - Multiple site profiles
- Regional Development Centers
 - Represent “critical mass” of approximately five Company-owned units
 - Provide support to area developers and franchisees



Strategy and Infrastructure for Growth

Potential for 1,900 Cusi restaurants in top 75 markets



Source: Wall Street research and Cusi market research.

Strategy and Infrastructure for Growth

Projected 5-Year Restaurant Development Goals¹ (excluding Federated)

	<u>2005 ²</u>	<u>2006-2009 ²</u>	<u>Projected 5-Year Total ²</u>
Company-Owned Restaurants	11	90	101
Franchised Restaurants	10	374	384
Total New Restaurant Development	21	464	485

¹ Subject to existing restaurants continuing to meet management's expectations. See Slide 1 for additional information regarding forward-looking statements.

² Projections are approximate and there can be no assurance that these goals can be achieved

Compelling Performance and Restaurant Economics

Financial Highlights

	<u>12 Months Ended</u>		<u>13 Weeks Ended</u>	
<i>(US \$ in Millions)</i>	<u>6-28-04</u>	<u>7-04-05</u>	<u>6-28-04</u>	<u>7-04-05</u>
Restaurant Revenues	\$106.6	\$114.5	\$29.0	\$30.6
% Growth		7.4%		5.5%
Restaurant Cash Flow	\$12.9	\$19.4	\$4.9	\$6.4
% Margin ¹	12.1%	17.0%	16.9%	21.0%

¹ Restaurant cash flow as a % of restaurant revenue (not including franchise revenue)

Compelling Performance and Restaurant Economics

**Q2 2005
Operating
Results =**

**Strong
Improvement**

<i>(US \$ in millions)</i>	Quarter Ended 7-04-05	Margin Excluding Franchise ¹	Improvement from Quarter Ended 6-28-04
Sales	\$30.6		5.5 pp sales growth
Franchise Revenue	.1		
COGS	7.4	24.2%	.7 pp margin improvement
Gross Profit	23.3	76.1%	6.4 pp margin growth
Total Labor Expenses	10.0	32.7%	1.3 pp margin improvement
Manager Controllables	1.8	5.9%	0.6 pp margin improvement
Support Controllables	0.7	2.3%	0.0 pp margin improvement
Controllable Contribution	10.8	35.2%	
Fixed Costs	4.4	14.4%	1.5 pp margin improvement
Restaurant Cash Flow	\$6.4	21.0%	4.1 pp margin improvement

¹ Amounts are calculated as a % of Sales; percentages may not foot due to rounding

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures to Net Income

<i>(US \$ in millions)</i>	Quarter Ended 7-04-05
Sales	\$30.6
Franchise Revenue	.1
COGS	-7.4
Total Operating Expenses ¹	-16.9
Restaurant Cash Flow	6.4
General and Administrative Expenses	-4.9
Stock Compensation Expense	-1.1
Depreciation and Amortization	-1.8
Pre-opening Expenses	-.1
Impairment Loss	-.1
Operating Loss	-1.6
Other Expenses (net)	-.3
Net Loss	-\$1.9

¹ Total Operating Expenses includes the following:

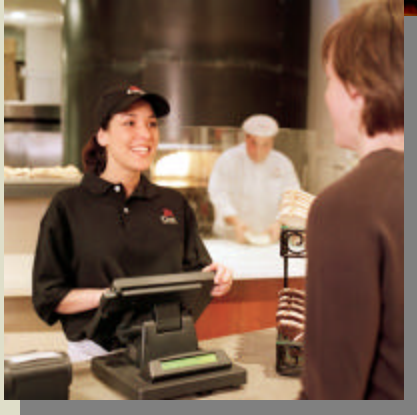
Total Labor Expenses	-10.0
Manager Controllables	-1.8
Support Controllables	-0.7
Fixed Costs	-4.4

Updated 2005 Guidance

	<u>Previous Guidance</u>	<u>New Guidance</u>
Comparable Sales	4% - 5%	7% - 9%
COGS	24.0% of rest. net sales	24.0% of rest. net sales
Restaurant Operating Expenses	58.5% of rest. net sales	57-58% of rest. net sales
General and Administrative Expenses	\$19.0M -- \$20.5M	\$19.0M -- \$20.5M
EPS (excluding stock compensation)	(\$.14) – (\$.18)	(\$0.11)

YE 2005: 17 consecutive quarters of comparable sales growth

Summary



- Revitalized operations ready for growth
- Attractive premium convenience market opportunity
- Distinct concept and positioning
- Compelling performance and restaurant economics
- Strategy and infrastructure for growth

